

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed August 13, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

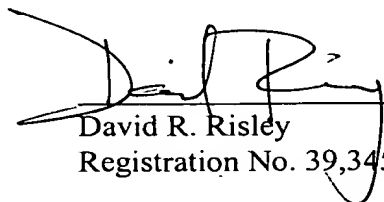
Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 5 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has added the subject matter of claims 5 and 19 into independent claims 1 and 17, respectively. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 1 and 17, and their dependents, are presently allowable.

In addition, Applicant amended each of independent claims 12, 24, 27, and 32 to include subject matter similar to that contained in claim 5 (now canceled). Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 12, 24, 27, and 32, as well as their dependents, are presently allowable.

Claims 5, 18, and 19 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,


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